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TOPIC Rail Movements in NEUHOLDENSLEBEN and Soviet AAA Firing Exercises

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13 and 14 October 1949

1. a. An empty train of forty 15-ton flatcars and fifteen boxcars was dispatched from the NEUHOLDENSLEBEN (M 53/Y 51) railroad station toward MAGDEBURG (M 53/Y 60) on 14 October 1949. It was said that an antiaircraft artillery unit had arrived on that train and had been detrained on 13 October 1949.

21 October 1949

2. Twelve light antiaircraft guns, eight 76.2-mm antiaircraft guns and about 35 trucks were seen being loaded at the NEUHOLDENSLEBEN railroad station. Truck numbers between C 5-64-70 and C 5-64-59 were noted.

16 October 1949

3. Antiaircraft fire and the sound of an aircraft engine were heard from the direction of HILBERSLEBEN (M 53/Y 51) the morning of 16 October 1949.

Comment:

a. Report indicates that antiaircraft firing at flying targets was still practiced in mid-October 1949, despite the fact that antiaircraft artillery units have left NEUHOLDENSLEBEN at an increased rate since mid-August 1949. It is believed that only a few antiaircraft artillery units were training in mid-October 1949, as it is assumed that the majority of all organizational and independent antiaircraft artillery units in the Soviet Zone of Germany completed their summer maneuvers by September 1949.

b. The C 5-64-xx series has been observed in BURG and SCHWERIN since July 1949. It is possibly assigned to the Third Shock Army. Numbers of this series had not yet been observed in connection with antiaircraft guns.

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